

my sympy and python cheat sheet

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1 How to solve a first order ODE?

Solve $y'(x) = 1 + 2x$ for $y(x)$

```
1 import sympy
2 x = sympy.symbols('x')
3 y = sympy.Function('y')
4 ode = sympy.Eq(sympy.Derivative(y(x), x), 1+2*x)
5 sol = sympy.dsolve(ode, y(x))
6 # Eq(y(x), C1 + x**2 + x)
7 sympy.checkodesol(ode, sol)
8 # (True, 0)
```

2 How to solve a first order ODE with initial condition?

Solve $y'(x) = 1 + 2x$ for $y(x)$ with $y(0) = 3$

```
1 import sympy
2 x = sympy.symbols('x')
3 y = sympy.Function('y')
4 ode = sympy.Eq(sympy.Derivative(y(x), x), 1+2*x)
5 sol = sympy.dsolve(ode, y(x), ics={y(0):3})
6 # Eq(y(x), x**2 + x + 3)
7 sympy.checkodesol(ode, sol)
8 # (True, 0)
```

3 How to solve and ODE and convert the result to latex string?

Solve $y'(x) = 1 + 2x$ for $y(x)$ with $y(0) = 3$

```

1 import sympy
2 x = sympy.symbols('x')
3 y = sympy.Function('y')
4 ode = sympy.Eq(sympy.Derivative(y(x),x),1+2*x)
5 sol = sympy.dsolve(ode,y(x),ics={y(0):3})
6 # Eq(y(x), x**2 + x + 3)
7 sympy.latex(sol)

```

$$y(x) = x^2 + x + 3$$

4 How to solve a PDE in sympy?

PDE solving is still limited in sympy. Here is how to solve first order pde

Solve $u_t(x, t) = u_x(x, t)$

```

1 import sympy as sp
2 x,t = sp.symbols('x t')
3 u = sp.Function('u')
4 pde = sp.Eq( sp.diff(u(x,t),t) , sp.diff(u(x,t),x))
5 sol = sp.pdsolve(pde)
6 sp.latex(sol)

```

$$u(x, t) = F(t + x)$$

5 How to check if something is derivative?

```

1 import sympy
2 x = sympy.symbols('x')
3 y = sympy.Function('y')
4 expr = sympy.Derivative(y(x),x)
5 type(expr) is sympy.Derivative
6     #True
7
8 if type(expr) is sympy.Derivative:
9     print("yes")
10
11     #yes

```

This also works, which seems to be the more preferred way

```

1 isinstance(expr,sympy.Derivative)
2     #True

```

6 How to find function name and its arguments in a proc?

Suppose one passes $y(x)$ to a function, and the function wants to find the name of this function and its argument. Here is an example

```

1 def process(the_function):
2     print("the function argument is ", the_function.args[0])
3     print("the function name itself is ", the_function.name)

```

```
4
5 import sympy
6 x = sympy.symbols('x')
7 y = sympy.Function('y')
8 process(y(x))
```

This prints

```
1 the function argument is  x
2 the function name itself is  y
```